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COUNTRY: (U) DENMARK (DA).

SUBJ: DANISH ACTIVISTS CONTINUE TO
PROTEST AND DEMONSTRATE OVER CONVICTED MURDERER MUMIA ABU
(JAMAL)) (U)WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY
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COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, 960524, (U), IN DANISH. WIDELY
READ, INDEPENDENT, CONSERVATIVE. GENERALLY CONSIDERED
RELIABLE.SUMMARY: (U) DANISH ACTIVISTS CONTINUE THREATS AND
DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING DEATH SENTENCE OF CONVICTED
MURDERER MUMIA ABU ((JAMAL)). JAMAL IS CONVICTED OF
KILLING A U.S. POLICEMAN IN 1982 AND FACING HIS LAST
APPEAL.TEXT: (U) 1. SOURCE CARRIED A REPORT ON 16 JUNE 1996 BY
THOMAS HARDER ((RASMUSSEN)) REFERENCE THE ACTIVISTS'
ACTIVITIES. TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS.2. (U) ARTICLE TITLE: ABU JAMAL ACTIVISTS ARE PREPARING
NEW ACTIONS AFTER RECENT ATTACKS ON PARLIAMENT AND THE
U.S. EMBASSY.3. (U) ARTICLE TEXT: THEY DON'T CALL THEMSELVES
AUTONOMOUS, AND THEY DON'T WANT TO BE CONNECTED WITH
VARIOUS MAY 18 AND POLICE INCIDENTS. THEY ARE COMING
FROM FOUR-FIVE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS ON THE EXTREME
LEFT WING -- FOR INSTANCE ANTI-FASCISTS AND FEMINISTS --
AND THEY ARE READY TO ACT WHERE IT HAS MOST EFFECT AND
WHERE PEOPLE WILL REACT.THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO FOCUS ON THE CAMPAIGN WHICH IS
CONDUCTED IN DENMARK AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO CHANGE THE
SENTENCE OF DEATH THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PASSED
AGAINST THE BLACK JOURNALIST, AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST MUMIA(b)(3) 10
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ABU-JAMAL.

THEY DON'T CARE WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE TO VIOLATE THE LAW. "WE TRY TO BE AS INVENTIVE AS POSSIBLE WHEN WE PLAN NEW ACTIONS. BUT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. WE OCCUPIED THE TOWN HALL IN COPENHAGEN LAST YEAR, AND WE GOT A LOT OF COVERAGE IN THE MASS MEDIA. A WEEK LATER WE OCCUPIED THE ROUND TOWER IN COPENHAGEN, BUT WHEN WE MADE PHONE CALLS TO THE NEWSPAPERS, THEY JUST SAID, 'NOW AGAIN!', AND IT WAS NOT CRACKED UP. WE ARE THEREFORE FORCED TO BE MORE INVENTIVE IN CONNECTION WITH NEW ACTIONS AND MAKE THEM MORE TOUGH TO GET THROUGH WITH OUR MESSAGE," SAID MARTIN ((NIELSEN)) WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED AS SPOKESMAN OF THE "FREE ABU-JAMAL" CAMPAIGN. SO FAR THE TOWN HALL (AUGUST 2, 1995), THE ROUND TOWER (AUG. 9, 1995), THE U.S. EMBASSY (MAY 15, 1996) AND THE DANISH FOLKETING (LAST WEDNESDAY) HAVE BEEN "VISITED" BY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, AND THE ACTIONS WERE EVERY TIME INTENDED TO BE PEACEFUL.

"WE EVEN BROUGHT WITH US THE FLAG THAT WE BURNT AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, AND WE DID NOT TOUCH THEIRS. IT WAS PRETTY NICE OF US, WASN'T IT? AND WE, WHO ORGANIZE THE CAMPAIGN, DON'T WANT TO RECOMMEND ANYTHING BUT NON-VIOLENT ACTIONS. BUT WE CAN OF COURSE NOT GUARANTEE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE OTHERS WHO MAY DO SOMETHING IF THE DAY OF THE EXECUTION COMES CLOSER, AND NOTHING HAS STILL NOT HAPPENED ON THIS MATTER."

THIS IS AN AFFAIR ABOUT A BLACK -- OR AFRO-AMERICAN -MAN WHO IS WAITING IN THE DEATH ROW AT AN AMERICAN PRISON, WAITING FOR DEATH, MERCY OR A NEW TRIAL. NOBODY KNOWS, AND A COURT WILL IN JULY OR AUGUST DECIDE WHETHER HE HAS A RIGHT TO APPEAL ONCE MORE. LAST YEAR HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN AUGUST, BUT DUE TO DEMONSTRATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD, THE EXECUTION WAS POSTPONED.

HIS NAME IS MUMIA ABU-JAMAL, AND HE HAS BEEN SENTENCED FOR KILLING OF A WHITE POLICEMAN IN 1982. THE PROTEST MOVEMENT ALL OVER THE WORLD IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CONNECTION IS NOT TENABLE, AND

A NEW TRIAL IS THEREFORE DEMANDED. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC -- LIKE NELSON MANDELA, SALMAN RUSHDIE AND WOOPIE GOLDBERG -- HAVE DECLARED TO SUPPORT THE PROTESTS. BEFORE HE WAS PUT INTO JAIL FOR THE MURDER, MUMIA ABU-JAMAL WAS WORKING AS A JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR, CONCENTRATING ON A FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF BLACK PEOPLE AND OTHER WEAK GROUPS. HIS SUPPORTERS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT HE IS A POLITICAL PRISONER.

"BUT OUR CAMPAIGN IS NOT ABOUT ABU-JAMAL. IT IS ABOUT ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS AS WELL AND ABOUT BEING AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. AND WE ARE THEREFORE TRYING TO WORK ON SEVERAL LEVELS AT THE SAME TIME. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PRINTING POSTERS AND MAKING T-

SHIRTS, AND WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN A POSTCARD CAMPAIGN AIMED AT NIELS HELVEG ((PETERSEN)) (THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER)," SAID MARTIN NIELSEN. THE GOAL IS TO MAKE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL PROTEST AGAINST THE SENTENCE OF DEATH.

"WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT," SAID MARTIN NIELSEN.

A SMALL GROUP OF MP'S HAVE ALREADY SIGNED A PROTEST, BUT IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO MOBILIZE THE PROTEST MOVEMENT. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE ABOUT 30 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAMPAIGN, AND THAT IS NOT ENOUGH. "WE WOULD LIKE TO BE MANY MORE, AND THAT IS HOPED TO BE THE CASE LATER WHEN THE CAMPAIGN MAKES MORE PROGRESS. THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION ON JULY 5, AND AFTER A SMALL SUMMER VACATION THERE WILL BE MORE ACTIONS." MARTIN NIELSEN MENTIONED THAT THE REBILD CELEBRATIONS ON JULY 4 -- THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY -- WOULD BE A NATURAL DATE FOR AN ACTION. BUT IN ORDER NOT TO BE OVERSHADOWED BY A HAPPENING IN THE 1970'S WHEN ACTIVISTS FROM SOLVOGNEN APPEARED IN THE HILLS DRESSED LIKE INDIANS AND VIETNAMESE, HE DOES NOT THINK THAT THERE WILL BE ANYTHING ON THAT DATE THIS YEAR.

4. (U) FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF AN INTERVIEW WITH MARTIN NIELSEN:

REPORTER: --HOW LONG WILL YOU GO ON WITH THIS?

ACTIVIST: --WHEN I HAVE STARTED DOING SOMETHING, I ALSO INTEND TO FINISH IT. WE DON'T STOP UNTIL THE ABU-JAMAL TRIAL HAS BEEN RESUMED.

REPORTER: --ARE YOU NOT AFRAID THAT YOU WILL DESTROY THE PEACEFUL AND RELAXED DENMARK WITH YOUR ACTIONS?

ACTIVIST: --THE FORCES, WHICH WANT TO INTRODUCE POLICE STATE METHODS IN DENMARK, CAN VERY WELL DO IT WITHOUT US. THEY CAN OF COURSE USE US AS AN EXCUSE, AND IT IS UNFORTUNATE IF IT HAPPENS BECAUSE IT IS NOT WHAT WE WANT."

REPORTER: --HOW FAR WILL YOU GO IN YOUR ACTIONS? WHAT ABOUT AMALIENBORG (THE ROYAL CASTLE IN COPENHAGEN)?

ACTIVIST: --THAT WOULD BE STUPID, UNCOMFORTABLY STUPID, THOUGH I PERSONALLY DON'T CARE WHETHER THE QUEEN IS THERE OR NOT. WE HAVE TO BALANCE ON A TIGHTROPE ALL THE TIME WHEN WE PLAN OUR ACTIONS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A TREND IN DENMARK TOWARDS RESPECTING ODIOUS ACTIONS. I THINK IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND ANYBODY WHO CAN'T LAUGH AT THE LOADER TRACTOR WHICH WAS USED WHEN PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM VRIDSLOSELILLE, THOUGH IT WAS MURDERS AND RAPISTS WHO GOT OUT."

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2. (C) THE GROUP OF ACTIVISTS APPEAR TO CONDUCT SO-CALLED PACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS. DURING THE LAST DEMONSTRATION, WHERE THEY OCCUPIED A ROOM WITHIN THE DANISH PARLIAMENT, THE ACTIVISTS DESTROYED SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF PROPERTY AND DETONATED A SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, PRESUMABLY A CIVILIAN FIREWORK. BECAUSE OF THE LIBERAL DANISH LAWS, THE INDIVIDUALS THAT CONDUCTED THE LAST TWO DEMONSTRATIONS ARE OUT ON BAIL AND QUITE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING SEVERAL MORE DEMONSTRATIONS PRIOR TO THEIR COURT APPEARANCE. THE GROUP'S REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THERE WOULD NOT LIKELY BE ANY ACTIVITY ON THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE REBILD PARK, BUT WOULD HOLD A DEMONSTRATION ON THE 5TH OF JULY. IN FACT, THE OFFICIAL 4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, THE 5TH OF JULY, WHERE THE U.S. AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, THE AMBASSADOR IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD HIS RECEPTION AT HIS RESIDENCE THE 5TH OF JULY ALSO. SINCE THE GROUP HAS HISTORICALLY OPERATED WITHIN THE COPENHAGEN SURROUNDING AREA, A DEMONSTRATION AT THE REBILD PARK IS UNLIKELY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GROUP MAY ATTEMPT A DEMONSTRATION AT THE EMBASSY OR AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE ON THE 5TH OF JULY.

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